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Washington, D.C. 20505

19 October 1984

Mr. Robert C. Williams  
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Dear Dean Williams:

Thank you for your letter of 4 October 1984, with the attached copies of your correspondence with CIA's Information and Privacy Coordinator about your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for material on the Klaus Fuchs case.

I have to report, however, that since FOIA requests are the responsibility under law of the Agency's Information and Privacy Coordinator, I have forwarded your letter for action to Mr. John H. Wright, who recently succeeded Mr. Strawderman in this position. I trust that he will be able to report on the status of your request.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,



J. Kenneth McDonald  
Chief Historian

Copy to: Mr. Wright

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October 4, 1984

Mr. J. Kenneth McDonald  
Chief Historian  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. McDonald:

As the enclosed correspondence will indicate, I have been having some difficulty getting access to Agency records concerning the Klaus Fuchs case, and would appreciate any assistance you can render.

The major case file is that of the FBI, which I have. There are also considerable materials in the records of the AEC and Los Alamos. But I would greatly appreciate any indication you can give me of progress or lack of same on my request for information and documents.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Robert C. Williams  
Dean

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December 20, 1983

FOIA Coordinator  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Sir:

I am writing to inquire if anyone has requested information under FOIA on the Klaus Fuchs case. If so, I would like to obtain copies of the declassified material.

If this is not the case, this letter represents an FOIA request for this material.

Please let me know the cost of obtaining the Fuchs material in either case.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Robert C. Williams  
Dean

RCW:ml

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8 FEB 1984

Robert C. Williams  
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Dear Dean Williams:

This is in response to your letter of 20 December 1983, received in this office on 29 December, in which you requested, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), information on the Klaus Fuchs case. We apologize for the delay in acknowledging your request.

This Agency has in the past received similar requests on such notables as Guy Burgess, Donald Maclean and Kim Philby in conjunction with Klaus Fuchs. We are enclosing copies of documents released previously. You will note that there is an obvious lack of information released in the past on Fuchs. If you wish, you may submit a request specifically for documents on Mr. Fuchs.

As you know, the FOIA authorizes federal agencies to collect fees for records services. We are enclosing, therefore, a fee schedule for your guidance. You will note that processing charges involve search fees, including computer time where indices are computerized, and copying costs for documents deemed releasable.

In accordance with section (e) of the schedule, fees are assessable even if no records are found, or, if found, they are determined to be not releasable. This means you will be charged even if our search results are negative or if it is determined that no information is releasable under the exemptions of the FOIA.


Before we can begin any processing of your request, we must receive your commitment to pay all fees incurred and under the conditions stated above. The search fees for each item in a request are usually about \$100; a more precise fee estimate for your particular request can be obtained if you wish.

Because many of the documents presumed to exist on Klaus Fuchs are domestic in nature, we would suggest that you may also wish to contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation which maintains their own records systems on the non-foreign aspects of espionage affairs. They can be reached at:

Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts Branch  
J. Edgar Hoover Building, Room 6296  
10th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20535

Your request for renewed searches for documents pertaining to Klaus Fuchs with this Agency remains in suspense pending receipt of your fee commitment. The enclosed records are being provided to you without assessing our usual search and duplication costs.

Sincerely,

  
Larry R. Strawderman  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosure

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March 27, 1984

Mr. Larry R. Strawderman  
Information and Privacy Coordinator  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Strawderman:

In reference to mine of 20 December 1983 and yours of 22. 8 February in reply, I would like to request a search for documents on Klaus Fuchs in CIA files.

I am willing to pay up to \$200.00 for search and copying costs in this connection.

I already have received 4,500 pages from the FBI on Fuchs, and additional materials from American, British, and Canadian sources.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'RC Williams', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert C. Williams

Central Intelligence Agency



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**12 APR 1984**

Robert C. Williams  
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Dear Dean Williams:

This is in regard to your 27 March 1984 letter in which you provided a fee commitment of \$200 for this Agency to conduct document searches in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records on Klaus Fuchs.

We have accepted your request and will begin our searches for responsive documents in existence as of and through the date of this acceptance letter.

We believe you also should be informed that one of the systems to be searched in response to your request is our most backlogged system, which consists predominately of sensitive internal operational correspondence and unevaluated intelligence reporting. Because of their sensitive and fragmented nature, the review of records located within this system is very time consuming. Furthermore, over half of all the requests we receive require a search of this system. When records from this system are located, requests often take up to two or more years to process. We very much regret this, but our large backlog of cases and the number of requests we continue to receive have frustrated our attempts to improve the situation.

The heavy volume of some 3200 information requests such as yours currently being handled by the Agency has created processing backlogs. Also, we process all requests on a first-in, first-out basis. Since we will not be able to respond within the 10 working days stipulated by the Freedom of Information Act, it is your right to construe this as a denial, subject to appeal to the CIA Information Review Committee. It would seem more reasonable, however, for us to continue processing your



request and respond as soon as feasible. Unless we hear from you otherwise, we will assume this is agreeable to you and proceed on this basis.

Sincerely,

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Larry R. Strawderman  
Information and Privacy Coordinator